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From the editor

WILLIAM PERKINS

A sad observance

On January 22 an anniversary was observed, but not a typical anniversary with which we associate joy and optimism. Quite the contrary. This sad anniversary marks the 42nd year since the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its devastating decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion on demand in this country throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy.

On that cold winter day in Washington, D.C. the vote among the justices wasn't even close at 7-2, with only Byron White and future Chief Justice William Rehnquist voting against legalizing abortion.

"I find nothing in the language or history of the Constitution to support the Court's judgment," wrote White in his dissenting opinion. "The Court simply fashions and announces a new constitutional right for pregnant mothers and, with scarcely any reason or authority for its action, invests that right with sufficient substance to override most existing state abortion statutes."

Even the anonymous Jane Roe, for whom the *Roe v. Wade* case was

styled, renounced her role in the whole sordid affair so profoundly that she allowed herself to finally be identified. Norma McCorvey, who became a Christian and is now 67 years of age, wants nothing more to do with this legal and moral travesty.

"It was my pseudonym, Jane Roe, which had been used to create the 'right' to abortion out of legal thin air. But Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffey (her *Roe v. Wade* attorneys) never told me that what I was signing would allow women to come up to me 15, 20 years later and say, 'Thank you for allowing me to have my five or six abortions. Without you, it wouldn't have been possible.'"

Almost 57 million American babies have gone to their deaths in the past 42 years. Abortion is just plain wrong (Psalm 106:37-43; Psalm 127:4-5). God cannot be pleased and, like the Israelites of old, we will undoubtedly pay a heavy price for our rebellion. Thus it has been, and thus it shall be until Jesus returns.

Why do we think we're any different?



REMEMBERING — In this 2010 file photo, the Memorial to the Missing at the Baptist Building in downtown Jackson sits filled with 50 million pennies to mark each child missing due to abortions that had occurred to that point. Although the memorial has been taken down since this photograph, a permanent fund was established with the pennies to support ministries that assist women in crisis pregnancies. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

Is the Bible the final Word?

Some scholars today cast doubt over the canon of Scripture, those 66 books that the church has long held to be the complete written revelation of God. They justify their views by claiming:

- that surviving texts of the Old and New Testaments are corrupt and therefore unreliable, or

- that early church leaders deliberately excluded certain books for personal or political reasons.

As Craig L. Blomberg responds in his book, *Can We Still Believe the Bible?*, "...there is not a shred of historical evidence to support either of these claims; anyone choosing to believe them must do so by pure credulity, flying in the face of all the evidence that actually exists."

What if we discovered an apostolic writing that has remained hidden for the last 2,000 years? For example, in 1 Corinthians 5:9, Paul alludes to an earlier letter to fellow believers in Corinth. We don't have that letter, nor are we aware of its specific contents.

Let's say, however, that archaeologists unearth a clay pot containing a manuscript dating from the mid-first century and fitting the description of Paul's letter. Should the church welcome 3 Corinthians as the 28th book of the New Testament? Not so fast.

The New Testament offers hints of the process of canonization, but little more. As Jesus prepares His followers for His passion and return to heaven, He promises to send the Holy Spirit, who will enable the disciples to remember Jesus' teaching (John 14:26), testify further about Him (John 15:26), and proclaim truth (John 16:13).

In other words, the same Holy Spirit who authors Scripture will ensure that authentic testimonies about Jesus are written, preserved, and shared.

Some New Testament books receive a great deal of scrutiny before their inclusion, most notably Hebrews, James, 2 Peter, 2-3 John, Jude, and Revelation. Some don't make the cut for a variety of reasons, such as the gnostic gospels of Judas, Barnabas, and Thomas.

So, what criteria did the early church use as a guide? Blomberg notes three predominant requirements: apostolicity, catholicity, and orthodoxy.



Guest opinion
with Rob Phillips

This does not mean that every book is written by an apostle, but rather that each book is written during the apostolic age. In addition, no book in the New Testament is more than one person removed from an apostle or another authoritative eyewitness of the life of Christ.

Mark, for example, is not an apostle, but he is a traveling companion of both Peter and Paul. Early church tradition attributes much of Mark's Gospel to the memoirs of Peter. Luke, in a similar manner, travels with Paul and interviews eyewitnesses of Jesus.

Catholicity has nothing to do with the Roman Catholic Church. The word "catholic" simply means "universal." Catholicity means that believers throughout the world to which Christianity was spreading were in agreement on the value of these books and used them widely.

No books that were found only among one sect of Christianity or in a single geographical location are included in the New Testament canon.

Orthodoxy refers to the faithfulness of the books to the teachings of Jesus and the apostles.

Blomberg writes, "It is a criterion that could not have developed if people had not recognized that the heresies afflicting the church in its earliest centuries were parasitic on orthodoxy. That is to say, the heresies developed in response to apostolic doctrine — modifying it, challenging it, trying to refute it, supplementing it or simply rejecting it."

By the late second century, we see lists of 20-22 books accepted as authoritative, increasing to 23 early in the third century, and finally to 27 by no later

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Documentary picks up where 'Unbroken' ends

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP) — Louis "Louie" Zamperini, the subject of the movie *Unbroken*, was indeed broken by his ordeal as a WWII prisoner of war in Japan and was only healed by his acceptance of Jesus Christ as savior, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) proclaims in its documentary response to the film directed by Angelina Jolie.

The BGEA documentary, *Louis Zamperini: Captured by Grace*, tells the story of Zamperini's deliverance from alcoholism, nightmares, and undiagnosed post-traumatic stress disorder suffered after drifting in the Pacific for 47 days and enduring two years of beatings, starvation, and hard labor at a POW camp in Japan.

BGEA Vice President and associate evangelist Will Graham, grandson of Billy Graham, said the film *Unbroken* ended before telling the most important aspects of Zamperini's life that were detailed in the bestselling Laura Hillenbrand book, *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*.

"I think that's what the remarkable story of *Unbroken* is all about. Louis was not a man that was unbroken, he was actually broken when he came home," Graham told Baptist Press. "The war had destroyed his life. 'The Bird,' the chief of all his tormentors, was still bothering him [in nightmares] years after the war. It wasn't until he experienced forgiveness personally that he was able to forgive others, and he served God the rest of his life after that."

The film *Unbroken* paints an incomplete picture by not including Louis' decision to follow Christ, Graham said. "To us that's one of the most important parts of Louie's life. People have a misconception that when Louis came back from the war, and he hugged his family, that everything was peachy and rosy, everything looked good, but that's when actually he was broken the most."

"It was those years after the war, when he had fame, he had everything given to him... but deep down inside he was wrestling with some demons in his life and it was anger and hatred, and he wanted to murder his captors, and so he had nightmares every night, tormented again, by his captors, in his dreams that is."

"We know that's PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), but back then they didn't know what to call it. It was because of that that Louie would end up giving his life over to Christ, and his life was forever

On the web

Visit billygraham.tv to view Louis Zamperini: *Captured by Grace*, the 30-minute BGEA documentary that draws from Zamperini's own testimony and his long-time relationship with Billy Graham.

changed. No more nightmares, no more hatred, and he was able to go back and tell his captors about Jesus Christ. So if Jesus Christ forgave him, then Jesus Christ could forgive them also."

Zamperini accepted Christ at a Billy Graham crusade in Los Angeles in 1949 and began following Christ at that time. BGEA produced the documentary in hopes that Zamperini's story would draw others to Christ, the younger Graham said.

"The only one purpose" of the documentary is "to tell people about Jesus Christ and that was really at Louie's heart as well," Graham said. "He wanted to tell people how Jesus changed his life. We want people to come to know Christ. We want to see people give their life over to Christ just like Louis."

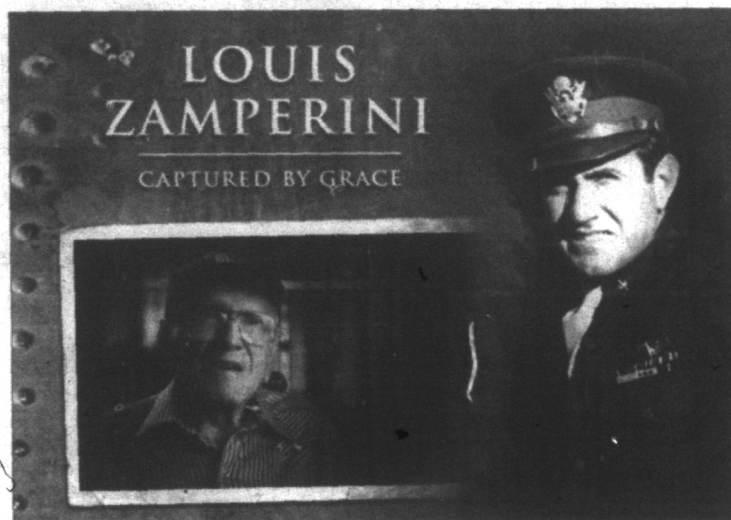
Many can identify with Louis' struggles, Graham said. While many are not Olympians, soldiers, or alcoholics, many face other tormentors.

"I think there's a lot of Louies out there still that are broken. They're addicted to things of this world, whether it's drugs or alcohol. They have anger in their life, they're miserable. They're looking for hope in life, and they're trying to find an answer, and that answer is the person and the work of Jesus Christ."

"That's the same message we want to throw and show everybody in the short film called *Captured by Grace*."

The 30-minute BGEA documentary draws from Zamperini's own testimony and his long-time relationship with Billy Graham. The documentary can be viewed at no charge at billygraham.tv. A DVD with bonus footage and the 1992 World Wide Pictures film, "Zamperini: Still Carrying the Torch," can be obtained for donations to BGEA of any dollar amount.

"It's available to everyone. So anybody can go on our website and see it," Graham said. "I'm hoping that maybe some pastors will see it and maybe show it to their church members, to some other alcoholic groups, or veterans."



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BGEA Vice President and associate evangelist



Graham represented the elder Billy Graham on a Rose Bowl Parade float depicting Zamperini's life and sponsored by Zamperini's hometown of Torrance, Ca. The float won the parade's best theme award, and included people who were prominent in Zamperini's life.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST — Louis Zamperini (left) poses with longtime friend, evangelist Billy Graham. Zamperini accepted Christ at a 1949 Billy Graham crusade in Los Angeles. (BP photo courtesy of Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

Collegiate resources web site open, ready for visits

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP) — The Collegiate Collective website has launched with the vision of becoming a one-stop shop for the best practices in collegiate ministry.

"Our whole goal with Collegiate Collective is to elevate and advance the Gospel on campus," said Rahul Agarwal, the director of Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) in the Tampa, Fla., area. "We've found that there hasn't been one place to go for best practices for high impact people, so our goal is to create a resource that

helps a lot of people go to one place to learn how to do college ministry and reach their campuses with the Gospel."

Since the website's launch, the Collegiate Collective team has released two written articles and a podcast each week, as well as a video every other week. The team has also posted free Bible studies for collegiate ministry leaders to use, as well as a free ebook written by Worcester entitled, *Tips for Starting a College Ministry*.

The website content also includes practical tools for

leaders and students to use, such as Gospel Appointments, a relational model for sharing the Gospel. These reproducible resources like Gospel Appointments, along with many others, have been distributed to more than 7,000 Collegiate Collective users in just three months.

In addition, the page has had more than 50,000 views tracing from Florida to Illinois to California.

Just like a team effort is required to collect and produce the content for Collegiate Col-

lective, an even larger group has come together to fund the website extending these ministry resources throughout North America.

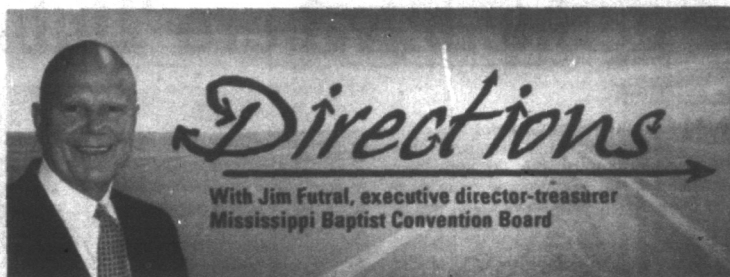
Collegiate Collective has benefited financially from investments by NAMB's collegiate team. Additionally, LifeWay and several state conventions have supported Collegiate Collective by allowing staff members time to devote to the work. The same goes for the local churches and campus ministries represented on our own team.

The Collegiate Collective team continues to encourage people from across the country to get involved with their efforts to grow and improve collegiate ministry across the country. Visit collegiatecollective.com to submit content, or email the Collegiate Collective team at hello@collegiatecollective.com.

Join the conversation on collegiate ministry by commenting on the website's content or following Collegiate Collective on Twitter at @CollegiateColl.

It was a cold, cold January day and I was walking across the campus of Mississippi College after attending a meeting. I ran into Dr. Ivan Parke out there on the campus and of course after saying hi to each other our conversation immediately turned to the weather. "Man, it's cold," I said, to which he responded, "I like it." "You have got to be kidding," I responded. "No," he said, "I remember one hot August day when the humidity was high and the heat was higher and I thought about how wonderful it would be to have a day like this and I told the Lord I wouldn't complain. I look forward to the cool, cool weather." So I said, "We can blame this cold, cold weather on you. I do not like cold weather. I despise it and I am praying that the weather will be warm." With a smile and a gentle spirit he said, "Well, we'll see who gets their prayers answered." Obviously, in the middle of January, my desire for warm days were few and far between. I said something like, "Well, we'll just have the battle of the prayers." He headed off to his responsibilities and I went on to my car.

I walked along thinking about my prayer life and seriously what I asked for sometimes. The Bible says that we are supposed to pray and I do. It says that Jesus taught, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7). And so I ask, seek, knock and desire for the Lord to answer my requests, but suddenly on that day I realized that often what I'm praying for is really not in line with what others may need or what God may want. James tells us about prayer that we have not because we ask not (4:2). Now there are a lot of people who would say, "Well, I ask all the time and He doesn't give me what I want." Well, He didn't stop when He said, "You have not because you ask not." The verse con-



Prayer Wars

tinues, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss" (4:3). You ask wrongly. You miss the purpose and plan of God in praying and asking.

I remember a time years ago when my son was playing little league baseball. They had a game coming up one afternoon and before we could ever get to the game, the rains came. We were in a semi-drought at the time and the farmers and folks with gardens desperately needed and wanted a rain and on that afternoon the rains came. A little league baseball player got real upset because it rained out his game and he wanted to play. I remember trying to reason with him and tell him of all the people who were being blessed by the rain and how many people were farmers who depended on the rain to provide a living for their family. At the time, it did not faze him the slightest. My theological perspective and my care for the rest of the world did not bend his expression of desire to play baseball that afternoon. The prayer wars were real to him that day and he had lost the battle.

In our world of Baptist life you sometimes hear of people concerned about getting their way in church or on some issue and theological wars break out and music wars erupt and personal preference wars create skirmishes across the landscape and prayer wars that could be stated something like, "I want God to do what I want Him to do. I want my will done and I want it now." Often we fail to stop and consider *are there great needs in the lives of others that we're not understanding*, or even consider *could the will of God possibly be something other than what I am demanding*. No, all we think about is I want to make my point. I want my will done. I want things to be done my way. I want my song to be sung. I want the theology to fit my mindset. I want to play my baseball game.

Sometimes the will of God needs to be factored in to whatever it is that you are feeling and wanting. For me, I walked on through the breeze of a cold January

morning realizing that the reason it was the way it was is because God, in His season, tilted the earth and we were in the midst of winter and that's what winter brings so enjoy it. Deal with it. Move on. For the day will come when August will arrive again and in the plan and purposes of God, the earth will tilt the other way and wonderful warm humid weather will be with us again. Dr. Parke will probably not be happy but I will be at least for a season after which his smile will return and I will be looking for warm clothes and a place to hibernate. We all live in a continuing cycle of seasons planned by God. Each of the seasons brings its uniqueness that may or may not fit your delights but it is best, best for the land, best for what God has in store for the days ahead, best for a lot of other folks, some who need to be warmed up and some who need to be cooled down. Whichever season you happen to sit in, just try to sit back and enjoy, be flexible, and realize that your kind of weather may be just around the corner.

A final word about the prayer wars — maybe the best thing for all of us to do is to try to shape our prayers aimed for much bigger things than just the temperature and having our way about things. To begin to think in terms of a world that needs to know that Jesus loves them. To exhibit before that world of people, God's people, who have experienced that love and can translate that love into living care for those around us so that whatever is happening with the weather, sleet or snow, rain or cold, or blessed warmth, we will stay busy doing what He has called us to do and being what He wants us to be. When we do, we can all get on the same page praying together.

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NOBTS releases list of courses for Jackson Extension Center

TERRY, Ms. (Special) — New Orleans Seminary (NOBTS) will be offering Spring 2015 undergraduate classes through Leavell College's Jackson Extension Center at Broadmoor Church in Madison. The classes will meet on Mondays, starting on January 26:

■ **Personal Spiritual Disciplines, 9-10 a.m.** (One hour credit) Instructor: John Pace, pastor of First Church, Terry.

■ **Old Testament Exegesis: Joshua and Judges, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** (Three hours credit) Instructor: Ben Hutchinson, Old Testament/Hebrew Ph.D. student and student minister at Wyndale Church, Terry.

■ **New Testament Survey, 1-4 p.m.** (Three hours credit) Instructor: Tommy Jarrett, associate pastor of Broadmoor Church.

■ **Introduction to Counseling, 4-7 p.m.** (Three hours credit) Instructor: Charlie Boudreaux, counseling and congregational care pastor at First Church, Jackson.

For more information

To start the application and enrollment process, contact John Pace, Jackson Extension Center director, by telephone at (601) 559-9352, by e-mail at thepacepack@aol.com, or at the nobts.edu website.

To view the cycle of classes offered as well as other important information about the extension center, visit nobts.edu/Extensions/LAMSCenters/Jackson1.html.

Through the extension program, NOBTS offers local, accredited, affordable theological training that allows students access to high quality seminary education without relocating. Through the Jackson Center, students can pursue and obtain an Associate in Christian Ministry

Degree and/or a Bachelor's Degree.

NOBTS offers classes in a variety of formats that allows students to cater their schedule to meet their needs. Students can combine classes at the extension center with online classes, workshops, conference-based courses, and hybrid courses to obtain the requirements needed for their degree.

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Norris Grubbs, regional dean for Louisiana and Mississippi, may be contacted toll-free at (800) NOBTS01, ext. 3301, or by e-mail at lmextasst@nobts.edu.

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Clue: H = B

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HOUSE TOPS.

Matthew 10:27 NAS

January 22, 2015

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Pray this day for...

January 23 – February 5, 2015

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)

Pray for: **Jonathan & Bethany Sharp**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples through church planting & community outreach.

Pray for: **Geroge & Geraldine Smith**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through church planting, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Janna Smith**, missionary ministering to American Peoples/Mexico through church planting.

Pray for: **Thomas Smith**, missionary ministering to American Peoples/Peru through regional office support.

Pray for: **Clay & Jeri Stegall**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through strategy coordination.

Pray for: **John & Deborah Royals**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through regional office support, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Bill & Susan Sanson**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through chaplaincy, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **David & Regina White**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through church planting, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **Floyd & Sylvia Wingo**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through strategy coordination.

Pray for: **Charles & Shannon Worthy**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples through community outreach.

Pray for: **James & Mary Adair**, missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples through church planting, church/home outreach & evangelism.

Pray for: **all missionaries** serving in dangerous countries and sensitive circumstances throughout the world.

Pray for: **Jeanette Taylor**, missionary ministering to Southeast Asian Peoples through regional support.

Pray for: **Karl & Peggy Wallace**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through mission administration, church/home outreach & evangelism.

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HIGHLAND	7,607.89	5,995.00	12,802.89
MCKINNON	26,549.28	25,340.38	51,889.66
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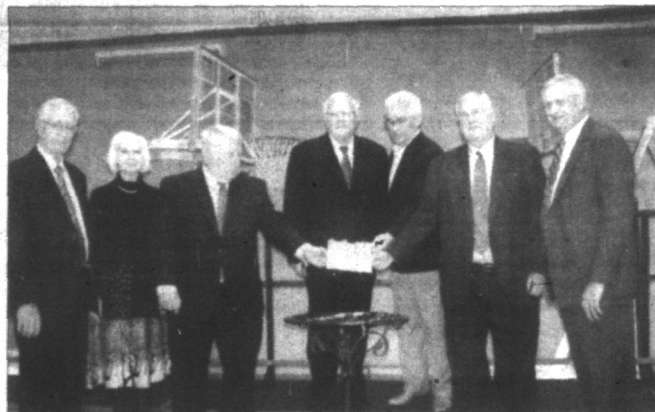
The children and youth of **HICKORY GROVE CHURCH, LAMAR**, presented the Christmas story in scripture and song Dec. 21.



The Brotherhood of **GRIFFITH MEMORIAL CHURCH, JACKSON**, served lunch to patients, residents, and staff at the Whitfield Mississippi State Hospital on December 13. In addition to the lunch, the group provided fruit, cookies, bags of candy, hooded jackets, and gloves. There was also time for Christmas carols. Pictured from left to right: Rick Bewley, Johnny Covington, Glenn Herrington, Jimmy Broome, Robert Killingsworth, Paul Sheffield, Robin Hood, Pastor Andy Fullington, Tony Hudgins, Steve McWhorter, and Antony Hudgins.

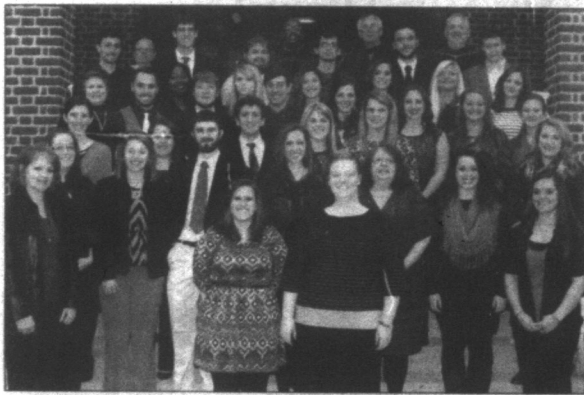
On January 18 **BRANDON CHURCH, BRANDON**

burned the note on their MultiPurpose Building. Construction of the \$3.8M MPB began in the fall of 2010 and the note was paid in full on December 29, 2014. Shown are James Johnson, Sue Bankston, Don Vineyard, pastor Clarence Cooper, Jr., Gary LaRose, Larry Watts, and Larry Milner.



Over 30 members of **SALEM CHURCH, KEWANEE**, went out Christmas caroling and delivering food to seniors and shut-ins around the community in December.

College News



Forty-two **WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY** students were inducted into the Mississippi Beta chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society on January 14. Membership into Alpha Chi is limited to no more than 10 percent of the junior, senior and graduate class members. Carey students must have at least a 3.70 grade point average on the 4.0 scale to qualify for membership. The student officers for 2014-2015 are Erin Ford of Collins, president; Lexi Davis of Leakesville, vice president; and Kendal Banks of Wiggins.

The Miss **WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY** Scholarship Pageant was held on November 20. The contestants included Katie Sippel of Mobile, Ala., third runner-up and winner of the Amy E. Allen Cash Award for highest grade point average; Briana Exum of Aurora, Colo., first runner-up and preliminary evening gown winner; Katie Sims of Purvis, crowned Miss WCU 2015 and preliminary talent award winner; Kaylee Miller of Leakesville, second runner-up and preliminary interview winner; and Pebecca Croker of Vancleave, fourth runner-up.



HERO

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— a political appointee of the Democrat mayor — conducted his own review of the signatures and declared an insufficient number had been collected.

"Feldman did not have the legal authority to intervene with the validation and acted as judge, jury, and executioner by declaring 2,750 entire petitions invalid due to his claim of technical problems," said Dave Welch, executive director of the anti-HERO Houston Area Pastors Council, in an

Aug. 7 press release.

Welch was one of five anti-HERO leaders who had their personal and sermon notes subpoenaed by Parker and Feldman. Widespread condemnation of the move resulted in Parker backing down and ordering the subpoenas withdrawn.

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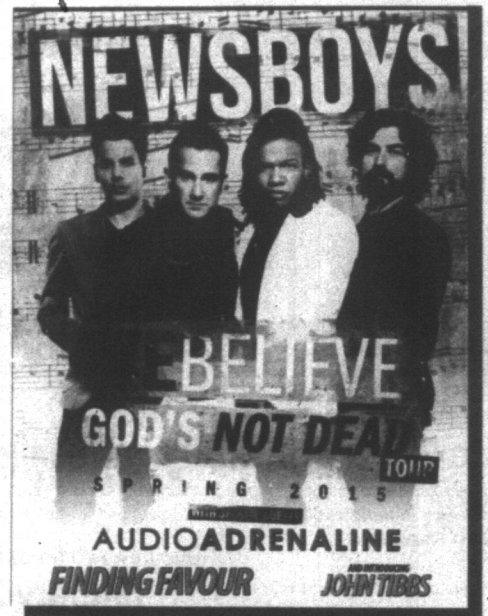
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4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)
If you make a decision for Christ today, contact a local Southern Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

Be Faithful in Adversity • Nehemiah 6:1-19

Introduction

Adversity circumstantially does not discriminate. Consequently, in the Book of Ecclesiastes, the Preacher complained, "For, just like the fool, there is no lasting remembrance of the wise man, since in the days to come both will be forgotten. How is it that the wise man dies just like the fool?" (2:16, HCSB; see also Ps. 49:10-12) Job had grumbled, "Man, who is born of woman, is short-lived and full of turmoil" (14:1, NASB; see also Ec. 2:22-23).

Adversity especially targets God's people. The motivated adversaries are personal (This World: Jn. 15:18-19; 17:14-15) and supernatural (The Devil: Eph. 6:10-17; 1 Pet. 5:8). Peter thus counseled, "Keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame" (1 Pet. 3:16, NASB).

Paul, addressing the Corinthians, testified, "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Cor. 4:9-10). Nehemiah's testimony would have been comparable.

In chapters 2, 4, 6, and 13, Nehemiah never mentioned Satan, but he did name three "flesh and blood" foes: Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem. These ruthless men resorted to rage (4:1, 7), mockery (4:1, 3), discouragement (4:2; 6:9), violence (4:8, 11-12; 6:1-2), lies (6:5-9), and threats (6:9, 19). To harass effectively, they appeared in person (2:19-20), wrote letters (6:5-9, 19), and recruited others (4:2, 7-8; 6:10-13).

1. Doing God's work stirs up opposition.

To take personally a personal attack is logical unless one, representing God, does his work. During such unsettling and often perilous times, the perspective that God gave Samuel helps: "They have not rejected you, but they have rejected me" (1 Sam. 8:7, NASB).

God-haters (Rom. 1:30) always outnumber God-fearers. Note the occurrence of plural language (NASB) in chapter 6: "enemies" (vv. 1, 16), "all of them" (v. 9), "prophets" (v. 14), "nations" (v. 16), "nobles" (v. 17), and "many" (v. 18).

The God-haters tried to "frighten" Nehemiah (6:9, 13-14, 19), the God-fearing governor (5:15) who rightly believed that being fearful was sinful (6:13). Worry disrupts trust (Mt. 6:25-34; Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Pet. 5:7). As proof, consider Abraham. The "man of faith" became a liar when he panicked (Gen. 12:10-20; 20:1-18). Consider the Israelites. They whined whenever wilderness crises caused anxiety (Ex. 14:1-20; 15:22-26; 16:1-12; 17:1-7; Num. 11:1-23, 31-34; 13:1-14:45; 16:1-50; 20:1-13; 21:4-9). Consider Peter. Unnerved by the prospect of being

arrested, he denied Jesus (Lk. 22:54-62). "Without faith it is impossible to please [God]" (Heb. 11:6).

Nehemiah, under duress, opted to trust God. He thwarted enemy scare tactics by praying. The transcript of two of his prayers appears in chapter 6 (vv. 9, 14).

2. Doing God's work well spurs the opposition to persist.

Before reconstruction in Jerusalem began, the opposition reared its ugly head. It was a preemptive strike (2:19),

but Nehemiah and his fellow workers were undaunted (2:20; 4:1-5). Chapters 4 and 6 chart their remarkable

progress: [a] the city walls reach half of their original height (4:6); [b] the city walls are done, but the gates (openings in the walls) lack doors (6:1).

Neither success could be celebrated long because the opposition intensified its resistance. Chapters 4 and 6 record their efforts to terrorize: [a] ten foiled plans to attack the Jews (4:11-12); [b] four attempts to lure Nehemiah into a death trap (6:2-4).

In chapter 6 (vv. 9, 14), the Hebrew verb translated "frighten" (NASB) is an

intensive participle. It therefore indicates that the opposition was relentless because participles convey continuous action. God-haters, like bullies, may be cowards, but they are still dangerous.

3. Finishing God's work silences the opposition.

Jesus stated, "A city set on a hill cannot be hidden" (Mt. 6:14). The same can be said about God's work. It impresses, revealing his glory (Ps. 19:1; Rom. 1:18-20). It also attracts opposition like light draws moths.

By completing God's work (better than retaliating), Nehemiah sent a message that the enemy could not ignore. They "lost their confidence" (6:16, NASB; literally, "they themselves fell exceedingly in their own eyes").

Conclusion

Doing God's work isn't for wimps! It can be a lonely experience. Supporters disappear because they cannot handle the stress. Second-guessers, however, pop up like weeds. They have just enough courage to criticize.

Nevertheless, finishing God's work (being faithful) is possible because God is faithful. He never leaves nor forsakes his own (Heb. 13:5).

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Explore the Bible

with Ivan Parke

Ready to Help the Poor • Deuteronomy 15:7-11

There is poor and then there are those who are poor! The Bible uses the word poor in two different contexts. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:3, NASB). The poor in spirit are those who are spiritually bankrupt. They recognize their need for God with deep humility. Then there are the poor, those who are homeless or destitute, living in poverty in various degrees. In America we continue to enjoy comfortable lifestyles. This includes jobs, home, food, and entertainment. We should be very thankful! Yet, all around us are those who are in great need. Unfortunately this population is growing. Do we look the other way when we cross paths with these individuals or do we find a way to minister to those in crisis?

God's chosen people, after wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, are about to enter the Promised Land. Moses is taking this opportunity to review the instructions the Lord has given to them. Deuteronomy 15 looks at the Sabbatical Year. There was to be a release of debts by the creditor. "If among you there is a brother who becomes poor 'in any of your towns within your land . . . you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand" (vs. 7). Simply put, don't be hardhearted or

tightfisted! Scriptures are very plain regarding the attitude of our heart toward the poor and following through with action. In the Luke 12:31-34 Jesus spoke about giving to the poor. The commentary from The Study Bible for Women states: "The Lord does not lead every follower to sell everything to give to the poor, but He does expect every follower to be willing to do so without hesitation, knowing that the only treasure of any value is whatever

is eternal—the souls of people. The issue is not how much you have but how what you have affects your commitment to Christ." Every day God gives us opportunities to be gracious and kind toward the poor. When we are obedient the door opens to share the love of Christ and His grace. "Happy is he who is gracious to the poor" (Proverbs 14:21b).

Next we are to "take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart" (vs. 9). The fact is poverty is all around us.

Perhaps our unworthy thought occurs when we assume the worst. Many times our thoughts lead us to believe the poor person is in this condition because of laziness or their own poor choices. Others are in poverty because of the unwise choices of others, lack of education, natural disasters and even government oppression. The opposite of grudgingly is giving freely. When we give freely and obediently as unto the Lord, our motive and attitude

changes. As we give freely, we will see "God will bless you in all your work and in all you undertake" (vs. 10, ESV).

However we are not 'to give' in order 'to get'. This too is an unworthy thought. God's blessing comes in various ways.

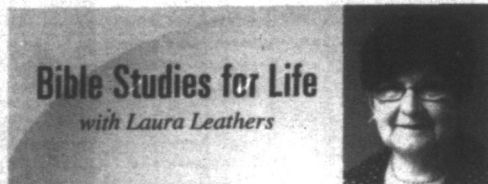
"For there will never cease to be poor in the land" (vs. 11 and Matthew 26:11). We are to be aware of the need and serve with hands wide open. Dorcas (Acts 9:36-43) is an excellent illustration of someone who served through her acts of

charity. Financial giving is important but there needs to be a long-range solution to raise people up and out of poverty. It has been said if you give a man a fish he can eat for a day, but if you teach a man to fish he has the ability to fish for life. Long-term solutions might include teaching a skill or vocation, money and home management, education, health care, or micro loans to start a business. There are many ministries throughout our state, nation, and internationally meeting the needs of the poor. For example, here in the downtown Jackson area the Wingard Home has been ministering since 1990 to the homeless and destitute (wingardhome.org).

The Bible is clear and throughout Scripture there is an emphasis for Christians to care for the poor (over 100 verses) as well as the orphans and widows. It is one of the fundamental requirements of the gospel message. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). This is ministry freely given!

Daily Dwell on the Word: Proverbs 31:9

Leathers is a member of First Church, Madison.



Bible Studies for Life

with Laura Leathers

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than AD 367, when Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, writes his Easter encyclical to

the rest of the church and lists the books that Christians still accept today.

Back to our original question: What if Paul's earlier letter is discovered? While the letter would be instructive,

and might pass the tests of apostolicity and orthodoxy, it would fail the test of catholicity. There is no evidence this letter was read widely in the early church.

The key is to remember that

the Holy Spirit ultimately fixes the canon of Scripture. The tests of apostolicity, catholicity, and orthodoxy do not determine which books are inspired. They simply help us discover them.

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Just for the Record



FAIR RIVER CHURCH, BROOKHAVEN, presented a Christmas drama, *Come See the Lamb*, Dec. 21. Tim Johnson, youth/music minister; Jay Anderson, pastor.

In other Church News:

► **Fellowship Church, Bellefontaine,** is hosting a Hunter's Extravaganza Jan. 24, 6 p.m. Free meal, door prizes. Jon Paul Moody, World Predator Calling Champion, guest speaker. Wear camo.

► **Brandon Church, Brandon,** is hosting the annual Romanian-American Mission Banquet Jan. 23, 6 p.m. Tickets, \$15, available through (601)824-1781. Paul Marica, Negresti, Romania, guest speaker. For information, call (601)613-3305.

► The Children's Ministry of **Raymond Road Church, Jackson,** sponsored a Lattes for Lottie Coffee Shop in December. They raised \$334.49 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Cindy Sansing, Minister to Children.



The youth of **CORINTH CHURCH, HEIDELBERG,** went Christmas Caroling Dec. 20 to share with some families in need. The youth collected food items over a period of 10 days to deliver with their carols.



NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION conducted a recent mission trip. The team sorted and boxed over 10,000 pieces of literature and books for shipment overseas. Pictured are Alex Ferguson, Alexis Brown, Kayla Dees, Emily Brown, Casalee Burroughs and Courtney Dees.

2015 State Evangelism Conference

*Brandon Baptist Church
100 Brandon Baptist
Drive, Brandon*

January 25

(6-7:30 p.m.)

January 26

(9:15 a.m.-7:30 p.m.)

Complimentary dinner Jan. 26, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

From Interstate 20, take Exit 59 to U.S. Highway 80. Turn west. Brandon Baptist Church is located one-quarter mile on left.



DOTY SPRINGS CHURCH, ETHEL, honored two current outgoing deacons recently. Each were presented with a certificate of recognition of service as well as a resolution as lifetime deacon of Doty Springs. From left to right are Bobby Black with total of 9 years service from 2005 - 2014; Daniel Fortenberry, Pastor; and David Sims with a total of 26 total years from 1982 - 1998 as well as from 2005-2014.



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